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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1891.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital.....£1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....£500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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Madras.....Do.
Ceylon.....National Bank of India and the
Ceylon.....Bank of Madras.
France.....Credit Lyonnais.
Africa.....The African Banking Corporation.

THE Bank is now prepared to make advances
on goods in neutral Godowns, and on
other securities, at rates to be obtained on
application; also to receive Money on Current
Account or Fixed Deposit.
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.
For Rates of Interest for other periods apply
to the Manager.
Hongkong, 20th November, 1891. [1429]

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....£2,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£500,000

LONDON.

Head Office.....40, Threadneedle Street,
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BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS IN
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager. [10]

To be Let.

TO LET,
With Immediate Possession,
AT KOWLOON DOCK BAY.

A BUNGALOW with 5 Rooms, a large
Tennis Court and Garden. Moderate
Rent.
Apply to
B. A. ERANEE,
c/o Victoria Hotel.
Hongkong, 30th October, 1891. [1379]

TO LET.

ROOMS in Pender's Street on First Floor
Suitable for offices.
Apply to
CRUICKSHANK & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 20th November, 1891. [1315]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO LET.

AT KOWLOON.

A FEW HOUSES IN KNOTSFORD TER-
RACE containing 5 Rooms each and
Bathrooms, Tennis Courts. Healthy situation.
Cheap Rent.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
& AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 6th August, 1891. [1800]

TO LET.

BAHAR LODGE, THE PEAK.

R. B. LOT No. 59.

THIS desirable residence with Gas laid on
to be let furnished or unfurnished.
Apply to
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND
AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 20th May, 1891. [1910]

Insurances.

THREE IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

1.—HALF A MILLION STERLING per
annum is being paid in Death claims
each year.
2.—THE FUNDS IN HAND amount to up-
wards of Seven Million pounds Sterling
and have increased 50 per cent. in the
last 15 years.
3.—THE LIVES who die are annually replaced
by more than double the number of new
carefully selected lives.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong.
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NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....£1,000,000.
The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
etc. Policies granted to all parts of the world,
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [1316]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 200,000.....\$833,333.33.
EQUAL TO.....\$318,000.00
RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUK MOON, Esq.,
NG TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO ANEL.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [1378]

Hotels.

THE SHAMEN HOTEL.

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably
situated within a few minutes walk of the
River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive
Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably
furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting
Room, and accommodation generally will be
found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.
The Table D'hôte is supplied with every
luxury in season, and the cuisine is in ex-
ceptional hands.

Wines, Spirits, Malt Liquors, etc., of the best
quality only.

A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD-ROOM.
A. F. DO ROZARIO,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1891. [1182]

Consigners.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship
"ARRATON APCAR"
hereby informed, that their goods will
be delivered from alongside Cargo pending the
discharge or remaining on board after the 23rd
instant, will be landed at consignee's risk and
expense into Messrs. N. Mody and Company's
Godown at Wanchai.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st November, 1891. [1437]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "GLAWORGANSHIRE,"
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON
AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 5 p.m.
TODAY.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 24th inst. will be subject
to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Underwriter on or before the 24th
inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
insured on the 24th inst. at 2 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th November, 1891. [1405]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
CITY OF PEKING
The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their
Bills of Lading for Consignment, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk
and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 17th November, 1891. [1315]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD WANCHAI.

REGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER

L. MALLORY,
Hongkong, 24th June, 1891. [1910]

Intimations.

W. BREWER, JAPANESE HAND PAINTED CHRISTMAS CARDS.

THE FINEST COLLECTION OF THE
SEASON IS NOW ON VIEW AT

W. BREWER'S,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE GERMAN MAIL LEAVING ON SATURDAY NEXT

WILL REACH LONDON THE 23rd DECEMBER.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1891. [1350]

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & CO.

(From 7, Broadwood & Sons and Collard & Collard).
THE PIANO, ORGAN AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
and at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

PIANOS SPECIALLY MADE FOR THIS CLIMATE AND GUARANTEED.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS OR HIRE.

TUNING-REPAIRS.

Instruments made equal to new. Large experience, all Machinery, trained men and Work guaranteed

OLD PIANOS TAKEN IN EXCHANGE.

16 YEARS extensive experience in China, and the only firm of trained and practical people
devoting themselves entirely to the Music and Musical Instrument Trade. [780]

ROBERT LANG & CO.

NEW HATS.

BLACK, GREY AND BROWN FELTS

SINGLE TERAI HATS

(ALL SHADINGS).

STRAW AND PITH HATS.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1891. [1356]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

HAVE RECEIVED A LARGE SUPPLY OF THE

SWAN FOUNTAIN PEN.

THE "Swan" is a Mable, Todd & Co. Gold Pen joined to a rubber reservoir to hold any kind
of ink, which it supplies to the writing point in a continuous flow. It will hold ink enough
for two days' constant work, or a week's ordinary writing, and can be filled with as little trouble
as to wind a watch.

With the cover over the gold nib it is carried in the pocket like a pencil, to be used anywhere.
A purchaser may try a pen a few days, and, if by chance the writing point does not suit his
hand, exchange it for another without charge.

\$4 EACH, WITH FILLER COMPLETE.

THERE ARE VARIOUS POINTS TO SELECT FROM, BROAD, MEDIUM AND FINE.

The Gold Pens in the "Swans" are Mable, Todd & Co.'s famous make. They are 14-carat
tempered gold, very handsome, and positively unaffected by any kind of ink. They are pointed
with selected polished iridium.
They will not penetrate the paper, and writer's cramp is unknown among users of Gold Pens.
They are a perfect revelation to those who know nothing about Gold Pens.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1891. [1356]

CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.,

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,

AND

Commission Agents.

JUST LANDED, A FRESH SUPPLY OF

FINE SCOTCH WHISKY in 1 lb. Bottles, \$1 per bottle.

ALWAYS ON HAND, OUR SPECIAL

LIQUEUR WHISKY, Rye Case

ROYAL PALE SHERRY.

BEAUTIFULIAN'S *** BRANDY.

BASS' ALE, bottled by Read Bros., Bull's Head.

GUINNESS' STOUT, bottled by Read Bros., Bull's Head.

TOBACCO: "OUR BOYS" and RALEIGH PLUG CUT.

Hongkong, 20th November 1891. [1356]

SADDLERY & STABLE REQUISITES

SADDLES, HARNESS, RIDING WHIPS, DRIVING WHIPS.

SADDLE CLOTHS, WEIGHT CLOTHS, CLOTHING, SURCINGLES.

STIRRUP LEATHERS, STIRRUP WEBS, GIRTHS, BITS, &c.

CURRY COMBS, NEAVE COMBS, HORSE, DANDY & SPOKE BRUSHES, BURNISHERS,

CHAMOISE LEATHERS, HARNESS OIL, HARNESS COMPOSITION, HARNESS POLISH,

SADDLE PASTE, BOOT-TOP FLUID, VETONIAN CREAM, and many others.

RIDING and JOCKEY BOOTS, BOOT-TOPS.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1891. [1358]

W. POWELL & CO.

IMMENSE STOCK OF NEW GOODS.

A SPLENDID assortment of FLOWER and TINSEL HAIR ORNAMENTS for Evening
Wear.

Special for ST. ANDREW'S BALL.

SILK SHAWLS for Leading Dances.

SHOULDER BROOCHES, &c. &c.

THISTLES and HEATHER.

W. POWELL & CO.
Hongkong, 23rd November, 1891. [1356]

CARMICHAEL & Co. LD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS,
GENERAL STOREKEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

SHOOTING STOCKS FOR SPORTSMEN,
BUCKSKIN LEGGINGS,
PORPOISE HIDE BOOTS,
CANADIAN CREAMERY BUTTER and CHEESE,
CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.
11, Praya Central, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 17th October, 1891. [1310]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"GHAAZE,"
Captain Scotland, will be despatched as above
on or about TUESDAY, the 25th inst., at Noon,
instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st November 1891. [1415]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FOKIEN,"
Captain Davis, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th inst.,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1891. [1433]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON,
HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"FLINTSHIRE,"
Captain Dwyer, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 1st December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1891. [1338]

"UNION" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK (via SUEZ CANAL).

THE Steamship

"COLLINGHAM,"
Captain Watson, will be despatched as above
on or about the 10th December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1891. [1428]

Trails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG, 1891.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Empress of India, Tuesday... Dec. 8th.

Empress of Japan, Tuesday... Jan. 5th.

Empress of China, Tuesday... Feb. 2nd.

THE R. M. S.
"EMPEROR OF INDIA,"
5,900 tons, Captain O. P. Marshall, R.N.R.,
sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 8th Dec.,
with Mr. Major's Mail, will proceed to VAN-
COUVER, via SHANGHAI, Island Sea,
KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
(In Mexican Dollars).

FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

TO

Only 4 1/2 months.

Prepaid return.

4 1/2 months.

3 1/2 months.

2 1/2 months.

1 1/2 months.

1 month.

1/2 month.

1/4 month.

1/8 month.

1/16 month.

1/32 month.

1/64 month.

1/128 month.

1/256 month.

1/512 month.

1/1024 month.

1/2048 month.

1/4096 month.

1/8192 month.

1/16384 month.

1/32768 month.

1/65536 month.

1/131072 month.

1/262144 month.

1/524288 month.

1/1048576 month.

1/2097152 month.

1/4194304 month.

1/8388608 month.

1/16777216 month.

1/33554432 month.

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

"PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA EVER-
LAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT
YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking.....Wednesday 25th Nov.

City of Rio de Janeiro.....Saturday 19th Dec.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF PEKING"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
AMOI and YOKOHAMA, on WEDNESDAY,
the 25th Nov., at 1 P.M., taking Passengers and
Freight for Japan, the United States and Europe.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

From Hongkong, First-class.

To San Francisco, Vancouver,
Victoria, Esquimaux, New
Westminster, Port Townsend,
Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O.

To Liverpool and London.....\$35.00

To Paris and Bremen.....\$45.00

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED, CHEMISTS, &c.

DAKIN'S EUCALYPTUS OIL. This Oil is a valuable external remedy for Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sciatica, Sprains, Chilblains, Whooping Cough, Croup, Asthma, Sore Throat, Bronchitis, Chronic Liver Complaint, and all other Painful Affections where a Stimulating Application is required. IN OBSTINATE AND CHRONIC CASES OF RHEUMATISM, &c.

this Oil has proved of inestimable service; the speedy relief given in many instances of long standing has established it as a special popular remedy. The glow of warmth it produces over the surface of the skin renders it a valuable agent for all ailments where an outward remedy is required. In the treatment of Rheumatism and all local affections, it is designated to rank as one of the first and most successful remedies. Its action is always prompt, always certain, and never fails in giving relief. The Directions as given should be strictly attended to.

As a Disinfectant, Deodorant and Antiseptic this Oil, being a complete sanitary agent for all purposes, needs only a trial to convince the most sceptical. The sweet and refreshing aroma (although peculiar at first to some), supplies to a sick room an exhilarating and purifying effect. Special attention should be paid to the directions.

2 oz. bottles.....50 cents.
4 oz. ".....\$1.00.

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, LONDON, HONGKONG AND AMOY.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

WE invite attention to our first supplies OF CONFECTIONERY AND CHRISTMAS GOODS

RECEIVED BY THE LAST MAIL.

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES, DRAGEES, PEANUTS, and a large selection of PURE CONFECTIONERY from the leading Manufacturers.

CADBURY'S SPECIAL CHOCOLATE CREMES.

PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA, and other FRUIT JELLIES in great variety.

TOM SMITH'S CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.

COLOURED OPALS mounted in Flash, representing favourite subjects.

A large assortment of ENGLISH and JAPANESE CHRISTMAS CARDS, of handsome and artistic designs, suitable to all tastes, and at moderate prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD. THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1891.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1891.

TELEGRAMS.

THE MARINES.

LONDON, November 20th. It is stated that the Government will propose next session an increase to the strength of the Royal Marines of 5,000 men.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The British cruiser *Porpoise* (Captain Burt) arrived here from Swatow today.

It is officially announced that Mr. George Costes resigned his duties as Consul for Germany at this post on the 19th inst.

The release of the number of visitors to the City Museum for the week ended November 22nd, are:—Europeans, 189; Chinese, 1,559; total 1,748.

GREEN boughs of the eucalyptus tree are said to be among the best disinfectants known for a room where scarlet fever exists.

Four hundred and thirty-four deaths were registered in Hongkong during the month ended the 31st October. Of this 11 were Europeans.

Miss Quarte—Do you know, Mr. Jiblets tried to put his arm round me last night? Mrs. Camo—I never gave him credit for so much courage!

We are indebted to the *Japan Mail* for an interesting and very nicely got up report (in pamphlet form) of the recent Autumn Meeting of the Nippon Race Club.

THE horses of the German cavalry regiments are to be entirely shod with paper shoes, recent experiments as to their durability, etc., having proved entirely satisfactory.

THE force of habit may be said to have reached its climax when a reporter, during the celebration of his own marriage, pulls out his note-book and takes down the parson's address!

SACRIFICING everything to Art—Hongkong Citizen—See here, William Porter; you've cut off a piece of my ear. Tonsorial Artist—Yes; they seemed to me a trifle large.

We are informed by the Agent of the O. & S. S. Co., that the steamship *Oceanic*, with mail, &c., from San Francisco to the East, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow.

"Are these stockings in fact colors? Black generally runs dreadfully," she said. "I assure you, madam," returned the salesman, "I assure you these stockings are! woven from the wool of a black sheep."

THE sensational serial story of "An Irish Sailor's Career," reproduced in another column from the *Sunday News*, will no doubt be read with interest by many of Capt. O'Keeffe's friends and acquaintances in this colony.

Of the 100,174 regular soldiers serving at home in the British Army on the first day of this year only 12,893, the War Office returns show, were born in Ireland. At one time one-third of the whole British Army were Irishmen.

Broke—I understand you call on Noake every evening? Soke—Yes, as.

Broke—You didn't notice him formerly? Soke—(Brightening up) dear boy, he's just received a cask of five-star Hennessy.

HENRY E. Boggs won the prize offered by a London journal for the best definition of money by submitting this one:—"An article which may be used as a universal passport to everywhere except Heaven, and as a universal provider of everything except happiness."

She—You are very depressed. I didn't know you cared so much for your uncle. He—Didn't, but I was the means of keeping him in a lunatic asylum the last year of his life, and now that he has left me all his money, I've got to prove that he was of sound mind.

THE Rev. Dr. Hanson recently lectured, his subject being "fools." The Rev. Dr. Vincent, who is somewhat of a wag, introduced him thus:—"We are now to have a lecture on fools by one—long pause and loud laughter—"of the wisest men of the country." The lecturer advanced to the desk and responded as follows:—"I am not half so big a fool as Dr. Vincent!" long pause and loud laughter—"would have you suppose?"

HONGKONG Magistrate (a few years hence)—I understand you were attacked by three Chinese footpads in Hollywood Road on your way home last night, and that you shot one of them. I fine you \$10.

Citizen—What for? Magistrate—For letting the other two get away. Next case.

THE influenza, remarks our wide-awake friend of the *Sydney Bulletin*, is often a dim, mysterious disease which comes upon public men at opportune moments. As a rule, it spares the piecemeal, and concentrates its energy upon the civil servant with a large, regular salary. It is very little about on the first of the month, but comes round again a day or two before the gas-collector and prevents the master of the house from drawing a cheque. At interfering with the payment of accounts it stands unrivalled in the history of epidemics.

FOOTBALL. "A" and "H" Companies met at the Happy Valley on Tuesday at 4.15 p.m. in the semi-final of the St. Andrew's Society Football. The following were the teams: "A" Company (Yellow & Green): Goal, Pte. Bernard; Backs, Private Hamilton, Piper Stewart, Halfbacks, Private Buchanan, Paton, Brown; Forwards, Private Milne, Clark, Smith, MacSwiney, Lie-Corpl. McCormick. "H" Company (Black and White): Jersey, Red and White knicker; Goal, Pte. Milne; Backs, Ptes. Brown, Jameson; Halfbacks, Ptes. Randell, Dudgeon, Sharp; Forwards, Ptes. Wilkie, Murdoch, Kelly, Crombie, O'Neill.

ANOTHER new gun metal, the invention of Dr. A. H. Kinnison of eminence fame, is soon to be made. It is called Nicholson gun metal and is a modified aluminium bronze, consisting mainly of nickel and aluminium. It is claimed by the inventor that guns can be constructed of it of much lighter weight than are now used, and that at the same time it will carry a heavier charge. He also claims that guns made of this metal and exploded on his principles, that is by spreading the charge along the barrel instead of concentrating it at the breech, will have a greater penetrating power than any now in use. The Government is so impressed with the qualities of the new metal that it has given the inventor an order to convert a 15-inch Rodman gun into a rifled torpedo thrower. The new gun will be a breech-loader and carry a shell loaded with emulsion.

Dr. Kinnison gives a careful analysis up to date of the German ships of war and their personnel, and also adds some pertinent remarks upon the judicious and careful economy combined with dockyard activity, which has characterized the naval programme of the current year. The Imperial navy to September this year consists of 77 vessels all told, giving an aggregate tonnage of 183,373; machinery amounting to 183,500-horse power, and a total of 511 heavy guns. In this fleet are 19 armoured ships of the first class, 16 second-class cuirassiers, 4 frigates, 2 corvettes, 5 unarmoured cruisers, 5 gunboats heavily armed, 8 dispatch boats, 11 torpedo ships, and 8 non-descript vessels, utilised variously on occasion may require. The *Armada* of the navy actually includes one vice-admiral in chief command; one vice-admiral, chief secretary to the Naval Administration; three other vice-admirals; 59 officers of the fleet, 40 marine officers, 25 engineers, 98 medical officers, 37 artificers, 26 torpedo officers, 75 paymasters, and 12 pensioned officers, giving a total of all ranks of 933 officers.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-morrow, commencing at 8 p.m.:

March "On a" "Schabert"
Valse "Toujours Fidele" "Widmayer"
Polka "Willow Tree" "Rondel"
Cresc. Solo "St. Agnes Eve" "Bullman"
Selection "Fast up to date" "Laur."

In reply to a correspondent the Editor of the *Sydney Bulletin* says:—"The *Bulletin* doesn't believe in making the lawyer a State official. Its conviction is that he is utterly unnecessary, and that law, as well as Sunday-school tracts, can be written in plain English, so that any man can understand them without expensive outside assistance. In the days when only Latin Scriptures were allowed, the priest had just the same monopoly as the lawyer. But people have found out that *he* isn't indispensable."

THE trial of the largest cruiser in the world, H.M.S. *Black*, will be watched, says a home paper, with no common interest by the Admiralty, who are responsible for the design of her machinery, and the public, who have paid nearly half-a-million for this vessel. The ship, which carries an armament but little in excess of all our first-class cruisers, owes her great cost and huge dimensions to the desire of the Admiralty to secure a ship capable of beating all others of foreign navies in speed, and at the same time able to remain at sea for long periods owing to her coal-carrying capacity. Twenty-four knots is the guaranteed speed of the vessel, which will be obtained by giving her boilers capable of developing 20,000-horse power. So much importance has been laid on the success of the *Black's* trials, that though her machinery has been in the vessel for the past six months, the full power trials have been deferred until this week pending alterations suggested by the failures in the boilers of other recently designed cruisers. These alterations are now completed.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

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who prosecutes for the P. & O. Co., nor Mr. Jno. J. Francis, Q. C., who has been specially retained for the defence, was present, and the proceedings were purely formal.

George Hennessy, Inspector of Police, said:—By virtue of the warrant produced I arrested the prisoner on board the British steamship *Gwailor* in the harbour of Yokohama, Japan. The arrest was effected by me at 7.40 a.m. on the 16th day of this month. When arrested the prisoner said nothing except that he was ill. I accompanied him down here in the said steamer. The accused asked no questions, and his Worship remanded the case for one week. No application for bail was made.

MORE SHIPPING CASUALTIES.

The Norwegian bark *Aron*, arrived from Manila today and reports as follows:—Passed through centre of typhoon off Manila 14th Nov., latitude 14 d. 40; lost topsails, deck swept ship, and cargo shifted. On the 18th November, 1891, north 18 west, wind more from north-west to S.E., continued gale up to the 22nd inst. Spoke J. V. T. Q. from Singapore, bound to Tacapuma, 41 days out of Manila. The British bark *Nicoya* (Capt. T. Norrie) arrived from Bangkok this morning after battering through two typhoons; one the 14th and the other on the 16th instant. Three Chinese sailors died from natural cause *in voyage*. The American bark *A. H. Spies* arrived from New York yesterday in charge of the chief officer; the captain having died at sea some time previously.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present:—H. E. Major-General Dwyer, B. K. Officer Administering the Government, Mr. W. M. Goodman (Acting Colonial Secretary), Mr. A. J. Leach (Acting Attorney-General), Mr. F. A. Cooper (Acting Surveyor-General), Mr. J. H. Stewart (Acting Registrar-General), Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes (Colonial Treasurer), Capt. Hastings R. N. (Acting Harbour Master), Messrs. C. P. Chater, T. H. Whitehead, P. Ryrie, and Hal. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table despatches referring to the withdrawal of the Chinese Consul-General.

GAMBLING STATISTICS.

In reply to Mr. Whitehead's question, a large mass of information was laid on the table, showing that the number of convictions since the commencement of the Gambling Ordinance up to the end of September, 1891, was 179; amount of fines levied, \$11,748.50; fines collected, \$6,301.50; imprisonments, 414, of whom 206 were for 14 days, six for ten days, one for seven days, and one for four days. The number in prison on October 12th (when the question was first asked) was 66. The cost could not be ascertained, but might be calculated by taking a proportion of the total cost of the gao, clerks, &c.

ASSIGNMENT OF DEBT.

In reply to Mr. Whitehead, the Attorney-General said that the question could not be answered exactly owing to some misapprehension of what took place in the court, commented on by the *China Mail*. It was found, however, that in equity debt could be assigned, as in England; but in law it could not in this Colony. Mr. Ewins objected in certain bankruptcy proceedings to the appearance of a gentleman as assignee of a bill of sale, not having a power of attorney from the assignor. In England, since the passing of the Judicature Act, under sec. 25 subsec. 8, the assignee had power both in law and in equity. This provision the Government has now under consideration with a view to its introduction in this Colony.

THE WORK OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL.

In reply to Mr. Whitehead, the Colonial Secretary said that there was no record of any annual report of the work of the Registrar General. Despatches were being laid on the table. The Secretary of State had requested that such a report be made, and at the end of this year it would be drawn up and laid on the table in due course.

THE OPIUM FARM.

In reply to Mr. Whitehead, it was denied that any despatch had been received here similar to one received in Singapore from the Secretary of State intimating that the Farming system (before the new three years' lease, about to be granted, "xix") should be considered with a view to its modification, and the adoption of a system of Licences to be issued at high rates—the object being to diminish the evils of the Opium traffic without seriously crippling the revenue.

CIRCULATION OF PAPERS.

Mr. Whitehead moved that in future two copies of all papers to be laid upon the Council be forwarded direct to the Unofficial Members at their private addresses if possible 24 hours before the meeting of Council, or longer. On previous occasions he had asked for this, but the former practice of doing so had been abandoned. Last Monday a despatch was laid on the table, and a part of it was discussed the same afternoon. It was utterly impossible for those who had not seen it to be acquainted with the nature of its contents or to be able to discuss them. If an Unofficial Member were unavoidably absent from a meeting, he had no opportunity of seeing the papers laid on the table, unless by chance he noticed them in the local printer's had his attention specially directed to them in some way. If the papers could not be forwarded before the meeting they might at least be forwarded afterwards.

Mr. Ryrie seconded the motion, saying that formerly all papers were circulated in advance. The Colonial Secretary said the Government could not undertake to forward papers in advance, as often there was no time or opportunity for that. After the meeting they could be forwarded if desired. It had always been the wish of the Government in this matter to meet the convenience of members and also of the press, and extra copies would be printed and forwarded as early as possible.

THE RICKSHA NUISANCE.

Mr. Whitehead—Your Excellency, section 3 of Ordinance 21 of 1887 gives the Government in Council power to issue rules for the regulation of public vehicles, and of traffic carried on by means of such vehicles. Such rules have been issued, yet there is no serious attempt to enforce them or to regulate the traffic in the public streets. At several points at certain hours it is positively dangerous to pass along Queen's Road, Central, East, and West, on foot, in chair, in rickshas or other conveyance. Rickshas and chairs are allowed by the Police to loiter about playing for hire without let or hindrance in the streets and in the roads, and many of them are not required to have their lamps lit after dark. At the Club, the Hotel, the Y.M.C.A., and the leading places, chairs and

rickshas, half a dozen, more or less, at the same time, are free to rush at passengers and invariably a fierce struggle amongst them ensues as to who shall devour the passenger. The passenger meanwhile runs the risk of having his or her head or limbs broken or sustaining some injury. While the fight is going on between the coolies, as to who shall secure the hire. Carts of every description, many carrying heavy loads of goods, are tolerated to move to and fro, east and west, in which every part of the road suits their convenience. There is no practical attempt at the regulation of the traffic and a more dangerous or more unsatisfactory condition of affairs it would be difficult to contemplate. Is it not Shanghai? In the "Model Settlement" no rickshas are permitted to move, his vehicle out of proper turn, and when such vehicles are in motion those going in one direction have to keep in line or in turn and to one fixed side, the left side of the road, while those moving in the opposite way have to keep the other side of the street. In this and in many other respects the Police Superintendent or authorities would do well to follow Shanghai. Its system of Municipal Government is a model and would work admirably in Hongkong. Our Police Superintendent officially with the sanction of the Government tolerates the Excise Officers and the minions of the Government Oppium Farmer to continue to search the persons of respectable Chinese men, and respectable Chinese women, not in suitable places set apart for the purpose but on the public wharves and in the public streets. The continuance of such searching of the persons of the Chinese in the public thoroughfares is diametrically opposed to the progress and welfare of Hongkong and is nothing short of an outrage on public decency in a British Crown Colony. It is earnestly to be hoped the Government will at once put a stop to this searching of persons in the streets, enforce the existing rules for the regulation of public vehicles, and of the traffic carried on by means of such vehicles, and that the rules will no longer remain a dead letter.

I therefore beg to move that the Government lay on the table a return showing:—(1) The number of Police beats, and the arrangement of such beats; (2) The number of European Police on duty day and night, and the number on night duty, and their distribution during the day as well as during the night; (3) The number of Indian Police on duty day and night, and the number on night duty, and their distribution during the day as well as during the night; (4) The number of Chinese Police on duty day and night, and their distribution during the day as well as during the night; (5) The number of Constables and Officers on duty at fixed points by day and by night; and (6) The number of Constables and Officers detailed for the regulation of traffic.

Mr. Ryrie seconded the motion, and said that the regulations were laid down in 1887, and were as good as the regulations of the day. As far as concerned the rickshas coolies, nothing could be worse than the way they were allowed to go on. Nothing could possibly be worse. Going, for instance, from the Club to the City Hall, one found the traffic completely congested, and vehicles twisted and turned in and out in every direction, whichever way they liked. The chairs were not quite so bad as the rickshas, except about the hotels. The plea of the coolies was "We have a chair, or a ricksha, and we don't know where to go with it—they must go somewhere, so they do what is called 'crawling' in London."

His Excellency—As this Council is constituted, I consider that proposals of this kind, more especially in reference to police matters, are more properly made in the form of questions than as resolutions. In this case the information asked for in the first of the six headings of the resolution fills thirty-eight pages of a book printed for the private use of heads of the police department. The grounds on which the publication of the particulars is urged are not shown, and I do not gather that they have been explained; but the nature of those particulars is such that if they were published to-day it would be necessary to cancel the whole of them to-morrow, and issue completely new arrangements. The police are distributed so as to safeguard the lives and property of the citizens in the best possible manner. As long as I am responsible for the Government and good order of this colony I am not prepared to publish for the benefit of the criminal classes a full statement of all the places where they are waiting for a good policeman, to check them, or watch for his absence. I am, however, quite prepared

